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1. A meeting of the Berlin Active Party Group took place on 9 June in the culture rooms of VEB "J.W. Stalin" at 5:30 P.M. The principal speech was delivered by Alfred Neumann and the Central Committee apparatus was represented by Otto Winzer and Bruno Baum. The audience included First and Second Secretaries and heads of cadre departments of all the Berlin Kreise, representatives of the Volkspolizei and KVP, members of the Magistrat, and economic functionaries.
2. Neumann described the success of Soviet policy in glowing terms; made considerable play of the fact that German business interests would force Adenauer to accept the invitation to Moscow; said that even British and French diplomatic circles regarded Adenauer's position as difficult; and asserted that the reunification of Germany would be achieved against the opposition of the small ruling clique.
3. With regard to the tasks of the Party, Neumann said that the fascists were becoming more and more insolent and the Party's task was to achieve the victory of the peaceful forces. Public meetings were to be held in West Berlin and were to be addressed by the leading members of the Bezirksleitung and of the Central Committee. The First Secretaries of the patron Kreise in East Berlin were to give every assistance. The workers in West Berlin were asking for assistance from the SED. The Bezirksleitung would therefore make contact with the West Berlin Trade Unions and with the Berlin SPD Headquarters. Factory meetings were to be organized to demand "from below" an understanding with the workers from the democratic sector of Berlin. Wide circles of the West Berlin population were said to be in favor of an all-Berlin peace demonstration to demand negotiations on the Berlin level. "Our Party," Neumann said, "will at once endeavor to translate into deeds the legitimate aims of the West Berlin population" and would, with the help of well known personalities, organize a mass demand on the Senate. The First Secretary of the Bezirksleitung (Neumann himself) would seek contact with the SPD; the FDGB would do the same with the DGB. The aim of all negotiations was the peaceful reunification of the all-Berlin Workers' Movement in the struggle against fascism and militarism and for peace and the reunification of Germany.

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4. The discussion was largely devoted to organizational details such as the formation of committees and the collection of addresses. The First Secretary of Charlottenburg said that "consulting hours" at his Secretariat were very busy and were attended by housewives, business people, tradesmen, and even civil servants. People wanted to hear the SED's point of view and expressed the hope that the SED would at last make acceptable proposals for the reunification of Berlin. The West Berlin population themselves would ensure that the SED's proposals were taken seriously (so his visitors assured him) if the proposals themselves were reasonable.
5. The final resolution mobilized all forces for propaganda talks in West Berlin factories and with the West Berlin population, responsibility being vested in the Bezirksleitung. The Kreisleitungen were to make contact with the SPD Kreisleitungen with the aim of organizing joint meetings to demand the reunification of Berlin.
6. An instance of practical application of this programme was given by an SED official who is head of an East Berlin school. East Berlin school teachers were, since 13 June, exploiting the anxiety of West Berlin parents in that the demand for vacancies as apprentices in West Berlin could be met only to the extent of 8.5%. West Berlin youths who had left school had thus no opportunity of learning a trade and many were unemployed. The reunification of Berlin would greatly improve this situation. In order to make time for the necessary canvassing in West Berlin the teachers were giving up their free periods in school. The reaction of the West Berlin population, the official said, was much more friendly than in the past, even though it was still largely one of curiosity.

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